<u>**Amendments to the Claims**</u>:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-7.   (Canceled)

8.   (Previously Presented) A printing system for performing printing operations on a plurality of print data sets, the printing system comprising:

a reprint number setter that sets, for each print data set, a predetermined reprint number representing an upper limit of how many times reprinting operations are to be performed on each print data set, and that appends, as appended information, a corresponding reprint number to each of the plurality of print data sets;

a holder that holds the plurality of print data sets as targets of reprint processes;

a reprint controller that retrieves, from the holder, a print data set for which a reprint command is received, increments the reprint number when a reprint command is received, determines whether the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number and that controls reprint processes for the retrieved print data set when the incremented reprint number has not reached the predetermined reprint number; and

a print data eraser that erases, from the holder, each print data set that the reprint controller has used for reprint processes when the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number.

9.   (Original)   A system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the reprint number setter reduces the reprint number for a print data set each time the reprint controller uses the print data set for a reprint operation.

10. (Original) A printer as claimed in claim 9, wherein the print data eraser erases a print data set from the holder when the reprint number setter changes the reprint number for the print data set to zero.

11. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a reprint number change preventor that prevents the reprint number setter from changing the reprint number set for each print data set.

12. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a client device for preparing the print data sets; and

a print controller for controlling printing processes performed for the print data sets, wherein

the client device includes:

the reprint number setter; and

a transmitter that transmits, to the print controller, print data and appended information including the reprint number; and

the print controller includes:

a receiver that receives, from the client device, print data and the appended information including the reprint number;

the holder;

the reprint controller; and

the print data eraser.

13. (Previously Presented) A program storage medium capable of being read by a computer in a printing system for performing printing operations on a plurality of print data sets, the program comprising:

a program of setting, for each print data set, a predetermined reprint number representing an upper limit of how many times reprinting operations are performed on each print data set;

a program of appending, as appended information, a corresponding reprint number to each of the plurality of print data sets;

a program of holding the plurality of print data sets as targets of reprint processes;

a program of retrieving a held print data set for which a reprint command is received;

a program of incrementing the reprint number when a reprint command is received;

a program of determining whether the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number;

a program of controlling reprint processes for the retrieved print data set; and

a program of erasing each held print data set that has been used for reprint processes for a number of times when the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number.

14-27. (Canceled)

28.   (Currently Amended) A printing system for performing printing operations on a plurality of print data sets, the printing system comprising:

a reprint number setter means for setting, for each print data set, a predetermined reprint number representing an upper limit of how many times reprinting operations are to be performed on each print data set, and appending, as appended information, a corresponding reprint number to each of the plurality of print data sets;

holder means for holding the plurality of print data sets as targets or reprint processes;

a reprint controller means for retrieving, from the holder means, a print data set for which a reprint command is received, incrementing the reprint number when a reprint command is received, determining whether the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number, and that controlling reprint processes for the retrieved print data set when the incremented reprint number has not reached the predetermined reprint number; and

a print data eraser means for erasing, from the holder means, each print data set that the reprint controller means has used for reprint processes when the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined print number.

29.   (Previously Presented) A printing method for performing printing operations on a plurality of print data sets, the printing method comprising:

setting for each print data set, a predetermined reprint number representing an upper limit of how many times reprinting operations are to be performed on each print data set;

appending as appended information, a corresponding reprint number to each of the plurality of print data sets;

holding the plurality of print data sets as targets or reprint processes in a holder;

retrieving, from the holder, a print data set for which a reprint command is received, incrementing the reprint number when a reprint command is received;

determining whether the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number, and

controlling reprint processes for the retrieved print data set when the incremented reprint number has not reached the predetermined reprint number; and

erasing from the holder, each print data set that was used for reprint processes when the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number.

30.   (Currently Amended) A printer for performing printing operations on a plurality of print data sets, the printer comprising:

a reprint number setter that sets, for each print data set, a ~~predetermined~~ reprint number representing an upper limit of how many times reprinting operations are to be performed on each print data set, and that appends, as appended information, a corresponding reprint number to each of the plurality of print data sets;

a holder that holds the plurality of print data sets as targets or reprint processes;

a reprint controller that retrieves, from the holder, a print data set for which a reprint command is received, ~~increments the reprint number when a reprint command is received, determines whether the incremented reprint number has reached the predetermined reprint number,~~ and that controls reprint processes for the retrieved print data set ~~when the incremented reprint number has not reached the predetermined reprint number~~; and

a print data eraser that erases, from the holder, each print data set that the reprint controller has used for reprint processes <u>for a number of times equaling the corresponding</u> ~~when the incremented~~ reprint number ~~has reached the predetermined reprint number~~.

31.   (Previously Presented) A printer as claimed in claim 30, wherein the reprint number setter reduces the reprint number for a print data set each time the reprint controller uses the print data set for a reprint operation.

32.   (Previously Presented) A printer as claimed in claim 31, wherein the print data eraser erases a print data set from the holder when the reprint number setter changes the reprint number for the print data set to zero.

33.   (Previously Presented) A printer as claimed in claim 31, further comprising a reprint number change preventor that prevents the reprint number setter from changing the reprint number set for each print data set.

34.   (Previously Presented) A printer as claimed in claim 33, further comprising:

a client device for preparing the print data sets; and

a print controller for controlling printing processes performed for the print data sets, wherein

the client device includes:

the reprint number setter; and

a transmitter that transmits, to the print controller, print data and appended information including the reprint number; and

the print controller includes:

a receiver that receives, from the client device, print data and the appended information including the reprint number;

the holder;

the reprint controller; and

the print data eraser.